

EDGAR MURPHY THE WINNER

MR DEFEATS GEORGE WORK AT SHOOTING PIGEONS FOR \$1,000 A SIDE.

Quite a Large Number of Club Men at the Westminster Kennel Club's Grounds to Witness the Contest—Considerable Money Changed Hands on the Final Result.

One of the greatest pigeon-shooting contests between club men since the famous Maclester-Knapp matches was decided yesterday on the beautiful grounds of the Westminster Kennel Club at Babylon. The principals were Edgar G. Murphy, one of the most expert wing shots in the country, and George Work of this city, who recently defeated Capt. Money, the English architect, in the Cartier Cup at Benson Park. The match yesterday was for \$1,000 a side, at 200 birds, thirty yards each, to be shot under modified Huntingdon rules, with a fifty-yard boundary. After an exciting struggle lasting nearly four hours Mr. Murphy won by eleven birds, killing 108 to his opponent's 157.

Ever since Work defeated Capt. Money in two straight matches by killing 105 and 101 birds out of a possible 100, his friends have regarded him as being invincible, and were anxious to match him against any one. After some preliminary talk a contest was finally arranged with Edgar Murphy, and the majority of club men seemed to think that Mr. Work would win easily. Murphy, however, in spite of his erratic shooting at times, found plenty of men willing to back him, and as a result, when the men went to the traps yesterday there was probably more money at stake than on any single match ever shot in America.

The winner's score of 108 birds killed does not look very large in comparison with past records, but in reality it represents one of the best exhibitions of skill with the shotgun that has been seen in this vicinity for a long time, as the conditions were all against the shooter.

There was half a gale blowing across the traps; then the light was very bad, and the birds were as strong a lot of fire as ever seen in a trap. The results of the birds were what are known as drivers.

At the special meeting of the committee held on Monday evening, his Lordship's letter was fully discussed, and the following cable despatch was immediately sent:

"All reference to former and obsolete rules is omitted, the proposition in your letter of the 7th of October is accepted, and will be recommended to my committee for its adoption."

The only point of difference now between Lord Dunraven and the American Cup Committee is the mutual agreement clause, which is almost identical in the three orders of gift, but Seeley, of Easton, and the committee seem to think that a challenge will be forthcoming instead of a week or ten days. If a challenge is made, the committee will add a clause requiring the contestants to submit their challenge to a committee of three or five members, and shall not refuse a challenge in accordance with the conditions of the original agreement, provided that the challenge is made in good faith.

Lord Dunraven, however, has agreed to accept the challenge, and in view of this, I can

now proceed with the match, and will recommend to my committee for its adoption."

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